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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.
CAPITAL PAID-UP \$100,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS \$100,000
RESERVE FUND \$35,000
INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of a per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.
" " 6 " " 31
" " 3 " " 21
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 16th September, 1896. [53]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$6,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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On Current Account at the Rate of a per cent.
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INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 15th August, 1896. [53]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ per
cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 1st August, 1896. [53]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
H. Stoerforth, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chua, Esq.
Chau Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 3 per cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [17]

Notice of Firms.

NOTICE.
I HAVE This Day commenced Business as a
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.
W. SHEWAN.
Hongkong, 20th July, 1896. [149]

Intimations.

EXPLOSION IMPOSSIBLE.

JASTRAM'S PATENT

GOLDEN MEDAL

PETROLEUM ENGINES

OF 5 TO 15 H.P.

FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.

WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.

Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour.

A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch with a 4 H.P.

Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

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NO. PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

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CLUB HOTEL,

5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every assistance given in clearing luggage, affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of staying either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge. THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, Proprietors.

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YOKOHAMA.

INSURANCES.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

has a long record of GOOD SERVICES to
refer to; its FUNDS, annually increasing,
amount to £5,000,000. The premiums are
moderate, and all modern features consistent
with safety, have been adopted.

For Particulars and Rates,
Apply to:

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, and March, 1896. [164]

THE COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

TYphoon Insurance

The above Company are prepared to
accept RISKS of BUILDINGS against
LOSS or DAMAGE by TYPHOONS at
Moderate Rates.

For Particulars apply to:

WM. MACBEAN,
Local Manager,
HONGKONG BRANCH,
No. 2, Duddell Street,
Hongkong, 8th June, 1896. [165]

EMPIRE ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

FIRE AND MARINE.

We have This Day been appointed
AGENTS, and are prepared to accept
RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, 28th April, 1896. [162]

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY \$4,800,000
NEW ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA \$75,000

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the
above Company we are prepared to
accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS
at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong, 28th May, 1896. [163]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000
EQUAL TO \$833,333-33
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Lee Seng, Esq. Lo Yew Moon, Esq.
Lou Tso Shun, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 5 & 6, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1896. [161]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
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NOTICE.

To-day's
Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A SPOON COMPETITION will take place TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 12th instant, over the 200, 300 and 600 yard distances; 7 Shells and a "Sighter" at each. Firing will commence at 3.30 p.m.

F. SMYTH,
Honorary Secretary,
Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [1429]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that at a GENERAL MEETING held in LONDON recently, an INTERIM DIVIDEND of 3 PER CENT. was DECLARED on the COMPANY'S PREFERENCE SHARES for the SIX MONTHS ending 30th June, this being at the rate of 6 PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

The DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be ready on the 1st October.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th instant till the 1st October, inclusive.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [1427]

FOR SALE.

THE Norwegian Steamer

"HOEVDING,"

as the new steamer on the rocks of USTRENA POINT (East coast of Siberia), together with all CARGO left on board and all Deck and Cabin FITTINGS, GEAR, WINCHES, ENGINES, &c. on board, will be SOLD for account of the Underwriters at Vladivostock on the 1st October, 1896.

For further Particulars apply to

KUNST & ALBERS,
Vladivostock,
or
MELCHERS & Co.,
HONGKONG,
Agents S.S. "Hoevding".
Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [1426]

THE BALLY PAPER MILLS CO., LTD.,
OF
INDIA.

MAKERS OF
BROWNS, BADAMIS, PRINTINGS,
WRITINGS, CARTRIDGES, BLOTTINGS, TINTED WRITINGS, COLOURED
PRINTINGS AND STATIONERY.

For Samples and Prices,
Apply to

J. S. GUBBAY,
Agent,
7, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [1428]

Z E T L A N D L O D G E,

No. 555, E.C.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [1431]

PHOTOGRAPHY.

K WONG SANG'S NEW STUDIO.
(JUST STARTED).

HIGH CLASS WORK GUARANTEED.

EVERYTHING ARTISTIC.

UNQUALLED WORKMANSHIP.

THE BEST STUDIO IN THE EAST.

Give us a trial and you will find that our work is equal to the best in any part of the world.

CHARGES MODERATE.

Address
No. 8A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
Opposite the Telegraph Companies' Offices.
Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [1429]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamers

"FORMOSA."

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 13th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [1424]

FOR TIENSIN.

Captain Blake, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [1430]

ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION COMPANY
OF NETHERLANDS INDIA.

JAVA, CHINA, JAPAN LINE
OF STEAMERS.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship
"CASSIUS."

Captain M. Urach, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [1425]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PATROCLUS."

Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 24th instant.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINEY,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1896. [1426]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

THE ST. LÉGER.

The ST. LÉGER STAKES of 30000 marks, for three year olds; colts 900, fillies 800; 1st 1100; the owner of the second horse to receive 3000 sovs, and the third 1000 sovs out of the stakes; Old St. Léger Course (about one mile, six furlongs, and 132 yards)—322 sub. Closed Sept. 18th 1894.

The following is the result of the race for the St. Léger Stakes as wired to us through Reuter's Agency and forwarded to subscribers by Reuter's Service by the local agent at 10.25 a.m. yesterday:—

LONDON, September 9th.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' b. P. PRINCESSA
by St. Simon—Pardua II.....J. Watts x
The Duke of Westminster's b. c. LABRADOR
by Sheen—OrnamentM. Cannon 2
The Duke of Westminster's b. c. RAMPION
by Amphion—RydalS. Lantes 3

Perseverance—who won the Derby on 3rd June for his royal owner in the fastest time on record, 1.0. 3 min. 42 sec.—started a hot favourite owing to the fact that he was as "fit as a fiddle," had done record time in the Derby, and St. Franscis (the second in the Derby), who would have been a dangerous competitor, was scratched a fortnight before the race. It is probable that one of the Dukes of Westminster's representatives (most likely Rampion, who came in third) cut the pace and that his stable companion kept on even terms with the favourite until the time came for the final struggle. It was probably a somewhat feeble struggle, though, for Reuter hasn't thought it worth while wiring any more than the names of the three placed horses, and although Rantes is surprisingly erratic at times, yet in this instance (in view of the splendid performance of Perseverance in the Derby) it seems likely enough that the Prince of Wales' "crack" stalled off all challenges and won easily in average time, say, about 3 min. 18 sec.

An interesting feature of this win—doubtless a very popular one—is the fact that the Prince of Wales' colt, like last year's winner of the St. Léger (Lord Rosebery's b. c. Sir Visto) also won the Derby in very good time.

EXCERPT LEGER WINNERS.

Owner. Horse. Time.

1893. H. McCalmont. J. Shuglas ... 3.13 2-5th

1894. Lord Allington. Thaisis ... 3.13 1-5th

1895. Lord Rosebery. Sir Visto ... 3.18 2-5th

RIDERS' RECORD.

The following table shows the record of the winning "jockeys" of this season up to 1st proxime:—

Mounts. Lost. Won.

Leates, T. 369 ... 274 ... 95

Cannon, M. 377 ... 285 ... 91

Allisopp, F. 428 ... 377 ... 56

Madden, O. 345 ... 202 ... 53

Flahay, F. 314 ... 268 ... 46

Bradford, W. 268 ... 227 ... 41

Fagan, J. 259 ... 210 ... 40

White, A. 181 ... 145 ... 36

Calder, T. J. 155 ... 120 ... 35

Colling, T. 135 ... 107 ... 34

Watts, J. 119 ... 88 ... 30

Leates, S. 214 ... 229 ... 26

Toom, H. 272 ... 254 ... 18

Chandley, S. 128 ... 111 ... 12

Grinshaw, H. 150 ... 118 ... 12

Chaloner, G. 97 ... 85 ... 12

Gough, G. W. 63 ... 51 ... 12

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The signallers of the Rifle Brigade are practising daily with the heliograph in Kowloon.

The annual meeting of members of the Hongkong Cricket Club will be held in the Pavilion at 4.45 p.m. on the 26th inst.

NO further news re the rebellion in the Philippines; at least such is the result of inquiries made in naval circles to-day.

LIEUTENANT J. T. STERLING, Coldstream Guards, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

THE Portuguese transport Africa, Captain de Sousa, arrived at Singapore on the 1st September from Mozambique, via Colombo, on her way to Timor with 314 soldiers.

WE are glad to hear that the \$500 required for the Hongkong Football Challenge shield and medals has been fully subscribed. The subscription lists will be withdrawn to-morrow.

WE notice the Naval authorities are overhauling the whole of the "manning" in the man-of-war anchorage, so that our fleet may be expected to ride out the next "tall blow" that comes this way.

MR. F. A. CARL, Commissioner of Customs, left on Wednesday by the steamer Hanover for Haiphong, en route to the new Customs station of Siam, where he will take over charge of the Chinese Custom House at that place.

MESSRS. MELCHERS & CO. act as an advertisement in this issue that the Norwegian steamer Horweling will be sold by public auction, for account of the underwriters, on the 1st proxime. It appears from the advertisement that this vessel has come to grief off the East coast of Siberia. Intending buyers should apply to Messrs. Melchers & Co. for particulars.

A "SPORT" sends us the following information respecting the cure of mange, which young dogs so frequently suffer from in this trying climate:—

To four ounces of lard, add two ounces of powder of sulphur; mix well until the sulphur is entirely distributed throughout the lard. The ointment should be applied with an old brush—preferably a tooth-brush.

Concerning the recent dastardly assault by Chinese villagers on a Hongkong shooting party

at Deep Bay, Mr. Fraser, British Consul at Canton, has addressed the following letter, dated 7th September, to the Colonial Secretary:—

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until experience should have shown how far the work in hand was successful.

From time to time the Shanghai and Ningpo authorities represented through their respective Viceroys, the awkwardness of conducting postal business without Imperial sanction, and Sir Robert Hart blamed! In 1893 officially expressed a fear that serious difficulties would soon arise unless a formal Government recognition were accorded before further definite developments took place. In 1893 the Viceroys Li Hong-chang (Tientsin) and Liu K'ang-yi (Nanking) both drew attention to the proposed extension of the English, American and German local Shanghai post-offices to the other treaty ports, a step which they said must render problematical the success of any Chinese system not begun at once.

The Board next proceeds to give a sketch of European postal history, beginning with the year 1762, and submits a translation of the Articles of Union under which sixty independent States now conduct their business of international mails transmission. The mystery of stamp labels according to weight is explained, as also the distinction between closed letters, unsealed communications, post-cards, and samples. Stress is laid upon the all-important points of secrecy, honesty, and security; but at the same time the collateral advantage is alluded to that "we shall be able to prevent the entry into China of an enemy's secret letters," a point, however, which it must in fairness be admitted, does not appear in Sir Robert Hart's or Mr. Kopack's recommendations, and is probably a mere gloss. So convinced had the Taung-wai Yamen (Foreign Office) become of the desirability of postal reform, especially from the revenue point of view, that in 1893 they seriously called upon Sir Robert Hart to send in particulars of a detailed and practical scheme. After numerous interviews with him, the Yamen had at last received his recommendations in the shape of four articles containing forty-four clauses. It is now recommended, with the approval of the Board of Revenue, that Sir Robert Hart be entrusted with the sole and absolute management of the whole business, including the arrangements for procuring a supply of stamps, but, of course, subject to the general responsible control of the Chinese Foreign Office. Formal applications for entry into the Postal Union will be at once made at the headquarters of that Union by the proper Chinese Minister abroad, and those countries having post-offices in China will be called upon to close them. At the Russian Treaty of 1858 and the French Treaty of 1877 contain special stipulations providing for "each country carrying the other's letters." It is not likely that any Power can raise serious objections now that China is willing to join the Postal Union. The system will be confused at first by the treaty ports and the chief centres near to them. At the beginning there will be no interference with the native offices now serving the interior, and their machinery will be subsequently utilized as far as possible when the question of extension shall be ripe for consideration. Efforts will be made at the same time to keep the new and old post-office agencies in sympathy with the telegraph offices, so that both may work harmoniously together.

The Board finally proceed to submit Sir Robert Hart's proposed rules in full. As these are of considerable length, we have naturally only space here to give the most salient points. At the outset Sir Robert recommends the utmost brevity and simplicity; as matters progress, further refinements can be superadded. The hitherto existing Customs Letter Offices will be called Post-Offices, and will be divided into Union and non-Union Offices. The Union Offices will be managed by the Customs Commissioners, in consultation with the Chinese Customs Superintendent at each port. The Peking Central Office will be at the Inspector-General's official place, and Shanghai will be the Central Distribution Office for the north ports, south ports, river ports, and foreign countries, under the management of the at present existing special Statistical Commissioners residing there. There will be Branch Union Offices at the 22 treaty ports, and, as business progresses, these branch offices will extend their services to contiguous places of importance; for instance, to Taku, Tangku, and the railway stations near Tientsin; to Fukow, Wuhu, Hankow, Nanking, and Tatsong, near the different river ports; and so on. The agents at such sub-offices will be appointed by agreement between the Superintendent and Commissioner at the nearest Union Office. Mail matter will consist of closed letters, open letters, trade samples, and printed matter, and each office will divide its mail matter into "bags" and "loose," so that the receiving offices may pass on the original bags, open them, and distribute letters locally, re-forward, re-pack, &c., as the case may be. The hours of work will be duly fixed by the Peking head-office. Mails for treaty ports will be carried by steamers from the ports for the interior, and will be transmitted by the existing native letter offices; these last will make their own financial arrangements at present, subject, however, to the general guiding power of the Inspector-General. Lists will accompany each bag, to be returned to the despatching office. Charges will be of three kinds—port, interior, and foreign. Setters for abroad will pay according to Articles 5 and 6 of the Postal Union. Receivers of letters from abroad to non-Union places must pay to extra charge from the Union port to such place, as must also senders of letters from non-Union places, such rates to be fixed and reported by the native inland office. Post charges between Union offices will be one Mexican dollar, cent for post-cards, and 2, 4, or 8 cents for 1, 2, or one Chinese ounce in the case of closed letters. Newspapers will apparently be charged one cent for Chinese and two cents for foreign, but this clause is not quite clear. Samples and printed matter 20 cents (7 misprint for two cents) for each two ounces. Non-Union places, as with letters. Foreign registered letters, as by Union Articles 5, 6, and 7. Post registered letters and reply letters as by (existing) port rules. Though native offices may fix their own charges, they must report them clearly to the nearest Union office for publication. Further information concerning stamps will be soon forthcoming. All letters, &c., passing through a Union office must carry stamps; these stamps will be sold at the offices or by approved agents. Makers of false stamps will be punished just as makers of false coins. Money orders from the Union office to another must not exceed 100 taels (say 15). The rates for the parcel post are not yet complete. Native posts will not be allowed to send their letters direct to steamers; these must pass through Union offices, but one native post can send sealed packages through the Union offices to another native post. Penalties for opening and stealing letters are to be enforced according to the law of offender's country, plus the penalties imposed by the Postal Administration. A penalty of 50 taels is to be enforced for sending letters except through Union offices or licensed native posts, and seaman employees are declared liable to a penalty of 100 taels for conveying or giving to a mail master other than bills of lading and other customary commercial or evidentiary papers. Until the above rules can be brought into working order the at present existing Customs Letter Office rules will be followed. Letters from abroad will be delivered at the posts by the Union offices only. For the present, however, Shanghai (where all the foreign post-offices are) is exempt from the operation of this clause.

To the above recommendations of Sir Robert Hart the Emperor replies by the single word "Says."

DYING DECLARATIONS.

CALCUTTA, August 19th.

The Bombay High Court has recently delivered a judgment, involving the question of dying declarations, which has given rise to much comment and to no little dissatisfaction. As is well known, the law with reference to dying declarations differs in England and in India. In English law the statement of a deceased person is only accepted if the person at the time of making it was in the expectation of death. According to Indian law, on the other hand, a declaration of a deceased person with regard to the circumstances leading to his death is relevant whether the person at the time of making it was or was not in the expectation of death. The Bombay High Court, however, in hearing an appeal against the judgment of the District Judge of Ahmednagar, refused to accept as relevant a declaration of this kind, on the very ground that the deceased, when making it, was not in the expectation of death. In this case three men were accused of having murdered two youths. One of these latter died on the day following the infliction of his injuries; but the other, Hari by name, survived for about ten days. Nearly twenty-four hours after the receipt of his wounds he made a declaration in the presence of a magistrate, implicating the second and third accused in the murderous attack on him. But at this time the hospital assistant attending on him, as well as the patient himself, believed that he would recover. At the trial before the Ahmednagar District Court this statement was accepted as a dying declaration. The first accused confessed his guilt, and alleged that the second and third accused had participated in the murder; while an independent witness was put in who stated that he saw all three men attack the deceased. On these three separate pieces of evidence, v/s. Hari's dying declaration; the confession of the first accused implicating the other two; and the testimony of the independent witness, the District Judge of Ahmednagar convicted the three accused and sentenced the first two to death; but imposed the lighter penalty of transportation for life on the third prisoner on account of his youth. On appeal to the Bombay High Court (J. Parsons and Ranade) the sentence on the first accused was allowed to stand, as he had confessed his guilt. But the sentences on the second and third accused were quashed, on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence to establish their guilt indubitably. The learned judges held that the confession of the first accused incriminating the other prisoners, as well as the evidence of the independent witness, were open to serious doubt; and with regard to the dying declaration, Mr. Justice Ranade observed that "Hari's statement before the magistrate can hardly be regarded as a dying declaration, for the magistrate says that he and the hospital assistant expected Hari would recover in a day or two, and Hari did not die till nine days later. If it is not a dying declaration, it is not relevant evidence, as it was taken behind the back of the accused Nos. 2 and 3, who might easily have been sent for at the time." According to the provisions of the Indian Evidence Act the statement of Hari could be construed and accepted as a dying declaration; but the Bombay Judges preferred to act in the spirit of the English law, which would certainly not have allowed such a statement to have been put in at the trial. While appellate judges are to be commended for their endeavours to interpret the law as liberally as possible in capital cases, it would be interesting to learn definitely if the lower courts are expected to act in the spirit of the English law or according to the letter of the Evidence Act. The present decision seems to leave the matter in a state of confusion that will cause perplexity to the municipal judiciary and magistrate.—*Statesman*.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirtieth ordinary meeting to be held at noon on Saturday, the 26th September:—

The Directors have much pleasure in laying before the shareholders the accompanying statement of accounts for the year ended 30th April last.

The net premium amount to \$1,014,325.18 and the Working Account shows a balance at credit of \$607,348.85, which sum the Directors recommend be appropriated in the following manner:—

A dividend of 20 per cent, to shareholders \$120,000.00

A dividend of 20 per cent, on Contributions, payable to all Contributors of business whether shareholders or not \$160,000.00

To be carried to New Account \$137,348.85

\$607,348.85

RESERVE FUND.

It is recommended that this Fund be increased to \$100,000 by the addition of \$60,000 from Exchange Fluctuation Account, leaving \$164,384.85 at credit of the latter account, a sum sufficient to protect the Company's sterling holdings against a rise in exchange to 4%.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. J. Thurnburn retired from the Board on leaving the Colony; Mr. J. W. R. Taylor accepted an invitation from the Directors to fill the vacancy, and his appointment is submitted for the confirmation of shareholders. Messrs. J. Kramer and J. W. R. Taylor retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The audited accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and H. U. Jeffries, who offer themselves for re-election.

J. KRAMER, Chairman.

Hongkong, 10th September, 1896.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

For the Year ended 30th April, 1896.

Amount.

Cash in hand \$70,427.33

Fixed Deposits with Banks \$15,000.00

Invested in Mortgages of Properties \$59,461.74

Bonds of Chinese Imperial Government 1856 \$4,278.02

Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. Debentures \$10,000.00

Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd. Debentures \$1,545.93

Shanghai & Hongkong Wharf Co., Debentures \$10,016.19

London Branch— \$9,061.78

Indian Government Securities \$50,137.20

Remittances in transit \$3,319.46

Australian Branches—

Cash in hand, in course of collection, and on Fixed Deposit, \$20,319.44

Yokohama Branch—

Cash in hand and on Fixed Deposit \$24,140.09

Interest accrued, but not yet payable \$17,712.66

Furniture at Head Office and Branches \$4,059.32

Sundry Debtors \$3,681.04

\$3,455.138.40

Liabilities.

Capital Subscribed \$2,000,000

Amount Paid-up \$600,000.00

Reserve Fund \$900,000.00

Dividends Outstanding \$3,316.55

Exchange Fluctuation Account \$61,388.46

Sundry Creditors \$78,064.54

Profit and Loss Account \$67,348.85

\$2,455.138.40

WORKING ACCOUNT.

To Losses \$68,868.66

To Charge, Survey Fees, &c. \$21,599.23

To Directors' and Auditors' Fees Head Office and Branches \$10,934.13

To Balance to Profit and Loss a/c. \$67,348.85

\$1,455.150.87

RESERVE FUND.

To Balance on 31st July, 1895 \$900,000.00

\$900,000.00

By Balance on 31st July, 1896 \$800,000.00

Amount transferred from 1894-1895 Account \$100,000.00

\$900,000.00

W. H. RAY, Secretary.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Puisne Judge, and a Common Jury.)

September 10th.

CHUNG NANG KAI AND LU A SIE v. CHUNG FAT.

The hearing of this action, in which the plaintiffs sought to recover \$1,000 damages for a libel alleged to have been published by the defendant, was resumed by the court.

Mr. G. C. C. Master appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Mr. Macnay), represented the defendant.

The plaintiffs were Messrs. W. B. Walker, S. J. Moses, and C. S. Gubbay.

Additional evidence was called and Mr. Francis then addressed the jury for the defence, referring to the statements contained in the alleged libelous document. It stated that the girl (the daughter of the plaintiff) was disengaged and unfeeling, that she disregarded her husband and his parents, and that her bearing was improper, this being due to the document stated, to the bad training she received from her parents, the plaintiffs. It was for the jury to place a common-sense interpretation upon the meaning of the words by the context of the statement.

Mr. Master then briefly addressed the jury for the plaintiffs.

In summing up, his Lordship said there were only two points which the jury had to consider, viz., whether the statement that had been made by the defendant was false or true.

He warned the jury not to be guided in the interpretation they put upon the words by any statement made by the defendants as to the meaning they intended to convey in publishing them. It did not matter what they intended. The jury had to consider what construction would be placed upon the words by any reasonable person who read them. His Lordship then explained to the jury the law of libel and concluded by asking them to decide whether the statements were defamatory or libelatory, whether they were false or not, and what amount of damage had been sustained.

The jury then retired and after an absence of about ten minutes returned with a verdict for the plaintiffs, awarding damages to the extent of \$250.

His Lordship accordingly entered judgment for the plaintiffs with costs.—*Daily Press*.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Puisne Judge.)

September 11th.

THE following cases were fixed for the respective dates:—

Tuesday, September 15th.—Um Yu v. The Wing Hing Firm \$206.65

Wednesday, September 16th.

17th.—Lo Kwong Lam v. Hing Lee Hop Kee firm \$350.00

Thursday, September 17th.—Ng Wai v. Li Kai (Dissolution of Partnership) \$25.66

18th.—Li Chong Ting v. Leung Chi Cheung and another \$134.30

Friday, September 18th.—Li Yit Loong v. Sia Man Hoy alias Lin Fung \$200.84

19th.—Sia Man Hop v. Li Yit Loong \$45.50

Saturday September 19th.—Gundu Singh v. T. M. Lopes \$171.90

JUDGEMENTS.

Judgment was given for the plaintiffs in the following cases:—

1822—Gundu Singh v. F. A. M. Castro \$100.00

1823—Kwong Loong v. Kwok Yee \$135.00

1824—Kwong Loong v. Hing Lee \$192.88

1825—Wong Kwee v. Cheung Sing \$160.00

1826—Pak Singh v. M. H. Baptista and another \$100.00

1827—Lin Kui v. Tsang in Tsin \$100.00

1828—Meoda Singh v. Tsang Chi \$100.00

1829—Cheung Sing v. Joseph \$138.87

1830—The Fook Tai Loong shop v. W. Von Zechowski \$150.00

1831—Chan Kam v. Sheafdale \$150.00

1832—Leung Pui Shuey and another \$150.00

1833—Chan Cheung Ting \$150.00

1834—Baladas Singh v. M. H. Baptista \$150.00

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"LYEEMON," Captain G. Hesemann, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 12th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong, 10th September, 1896.

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THE Steamship

"MOUNT LEBANON" will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, (B.C.), and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, TO-MORROW, the 12th September.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in QUADRUPLETS; and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOME & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1896.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"TANTALUS," Captain Hannah, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 14th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1896.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"NANJO MARU" will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th September, 1896.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Chartered Steamship

"KANGRA," Captain G. D. Clarke, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID, SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th September, 1896.

"GIBB" LINE OF CHINA AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS if sufficient Inducement offers and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"PATHAN," Captain Day, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Managers.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1896.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE," Captain Davies, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 17th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1896.

SHIPPING.

STEAMERS.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Taking through Cargo to QUEENSLAND PORTS, ADELAIDE and NEW ZEALAND.)

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Hongkong, 2nd September, 1896.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"IXION," Captain Nash, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 19th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1896.

FOR BALTIMORE.

THE 3/3 L. L. American Ship

"CHARLES E. MOODY," Captain Leach, is loading here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd September, 1896.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. L. American Ship

"PAUL REVERE," Mullie, Master, shortly expected from SHANGHAI, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1896.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. L. American Ship

"SAINT MARK," Dudley, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1896.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 3/3 L. L. American Ship

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S.S. Federation... | To JAVA... | Nov.

S.S. Cassius... | To JAPAN... | Sept.

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General Agents for China & Japan, LAUTS, WEGENER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th August, 1896.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLE, LONDON, AND ANTWERP.

THE Company's Steamship

"TOA MARU," Captain J. B. Macmillan, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about WEDNESDAY, the 5th instant, at Noon.

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Hongkong, 10th September, 1896.

THE Company's Steamship

"OOPACK," H. Sommer, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 21st instant. To be followed immediately by the S.S. Ningchow.

For Freight, apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th September, 1896.

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